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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OTRA, AS

SUBJ: AMB. INGERSOLL FOR ROBERT HORMATS

REF: STATE 178617

1. PRESENT OFFICIAL US-PNG CONTACTS LIMITED TO OCCASIONAL TRIPS BY EMBASSY OFFICERS. DUE TO SEVERE BUDGET RESTRICTIONS TRIPS NOT FREQUENT ENOUGH FOR SATISFACTORY ONGOING CONTACTS AND SHORT OF OPENING CONSULATE SEE NO WAY IMPROVE SITUATION. HAVE KEPT IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH PNG DEVELOPMENTS THROUGH GOA WHICH HAS ENCOURAGED US OPEN CONSULATE THERE.

2. EMBASSY HAS NO SPECIAL POINTS FOR HORMATS TO MAKE WITH PNG OFFICIALS. THEY LIKELY QUESTION HIM WHEN CONSULATE OPENING. HAVE NO CURRENT INFO ON THIS AND THEREFORE UNABLE PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON QUESTION. IN GENERAL TERMS HE CAN SAY US WISHES CONTINUE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH PNG. OUR LONG ASSOCIATION WITH TERRITORY INCLUDING HEAVY AMERICAN MILITARY SACRIFICES IN WWII, CONTINUING PRESENCE SOME 2000 AMERICAN MISSIONARIES AND BUSINESSMEN, SUBSTANTIAL AMERICAN INTERESTS (LARGELY BOUGAINVILLE COPPER ENTERPRISE BUT POSSIBLY OTHER FUTURE MINERALS DEVELOPMENTS) INDICATE U.S. WISHES SUSTAIN CLOSE TIES WITH INDEPENDENT PNG.

3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION AND DEPARTMENT'S SUPPORT  
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FOR OPENING CONSULATE IN 1973 OR EARLY AS POSSIBLE

IN 1974 ON RECORD. CANBERRA'S UNDERSTANDING IS THAT  
MATTER RESTS WITH OMB AND ULTIMATELY WITH CONGRESS.  
UNINFORMED BEYOND THIS AS TO CURRENT STATUS.

4. EMBASSY NOTES THAT CHIEF MINISTER SOMARE VISITED  
U.S. IN 1970 ON INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT. MINISTER  
FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOYAMO SALI AND JOHN POKIA OF  
CHIEF MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT RECENTLY RETURNED FROM IV  
TRIPS. WE HOPE ADDITIONAL PNG LEADERS WILL BE ABLE  
VISIT U.S. UNDER EXISTING AND/OR NEW PROGRAMS.  
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